

## Pedestrian safety upgrade for Monkittee Creek Bridge



Sue Murray, north Braidwood resident Wendy McMahon Bell & QPRC Joanne Wilson-Ridley on the Monkittee Creek Bridge. Photo: Cheryl Raper.

The recent upgrade of the pedestrian path across Monkittee Bridge has been warmly welcomed by local residents. For 40 years, Cheryl Raper has been using the bridge and campaigning for a safer pedestrian path. In July 2020, the Braidwood Community Association took up the cause. Cheryl combined forces with Wendy McMahon-Bell and Sue Murray to bring the unsafe crossing to the attention of QPRC. Wendy conducted a survey of local residents to find out how often they used the bridge, and how they perceived the safety issues. Wendy and Sue did a daily traffic count for a week in mid-July and presented the findings to QPRC. Our observations, allowing for fewer vehicles at night, resulted in an estimate of 8,670 traffic movements across the bridge per day. Many of these are large vehicles which travel very close to the pedestrian path.

Joanne Wilson-Ridley, Council's Road Safety Officer responded to our concerns and arranged a meeting with Transport for NSW.

While all agreed that a separate pedestrian bridge is the ultimate answer, TfNSW undertook to add a safety barrier on the edge of the path, and to provide concrete paths on the approaches to the bridge. Heritage approval for the design was obtained, and the work was completed in June 2021.

Further works to extend the footpath, hopefully next year, will optimise the completed Stage 1, by making access to the bridge safer for those residents at the end of Wallace St and the north side of Solus St. Local residents now feel much safer when crossing Monkittee Bridge. Our sincere thanks go to Joanne at QPRC for listening to our concerns and acting on them. Thanks also to the Transport for NSW staff who responded to our advocacy, and liaised with Joanne and with our local residents. Cheryl is thrilled that after 40 years of campaigning on behalf of local residents, her voice has finally been heard!

**Sue Murray, BCA President.**

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## Open letter to Kristy McBain, Member for Eden-Monaro

Dear Kristy,

I was unable to attend your 'town hall' gathering in Braidwood recently, but anyway it is difficult to make clear points in such a format. I write as a retired Earth scientist. I think Labor is failing Australia. You seem like a good, caring person, yet since you have entered Parliament you have been required to vote to allow the government to imprison innocent refugees indefinitely. That violates every moral code on the planet. You have voted to increase the limit on donations from developers.

You have voted against Independent Zali Steggal's bill to prohibit fracking the Beetaloo Basin for gas and will vote against her efforts to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels.

Your leader, Mr. Albanese, says Braidwood wants a government that takes climate change seriously, and that is probably true, but it has been made quite clear since your meeting here that Labor would not be that government.

Your resources spokesperson, Madeleine King, states Labor's intention to allow extensive new fracking, including the Beetaloo. She refers to 'clean, low-carbon gas', which is simply a lie, natural gas is no such thing. Ms. King portrays 'climate activists' as extremists who 'demonise all fossil fuels'. This insults the world's climate scientists, who have been warning that the need to phase out the use of all fossil fuels is desperately urgent, and that there should be no new extraction projects approved.

Labor's shadow cabinet will convene in Port Hedland to show its support for the fossil fuel industry. It should be promising to remove the existing large subsidies for fossil fuels but has in the past supported additional public subsidies and may well again.

Every relevant major scientific organisation in the world warns that global warming is real and caused by human activities that must be curtailed. There is serious concern that several climate drivers are close to or already tipping the climate into irreversible runaway, which would bequeath a hellish Earth to our grandchildren.

It is obvious the Coalition has been captured by the fossil fuel industry. It seems Labor has now also fully capitulated.

Mr. Albanese might be genuine in promising to more actively promote clean energy and a modernised grid, but it will all be for nothing unless fossil fuels are rapidly phased out. He and most of Labor clearly do not understand, or admit to, the dire situation we are in. Your electorate of Eden-Monaro was affected by six megafires, any one of which would have been a major disaster. Their unprecedented number, magnitude and intensity was clearly caused by global warming. If you really want to serve your electorate then curtailing global warming has to be your over-riding priority.

If you have to go against Labor policy, so be it, even though you might well be expelled. Perhaps that would be just as well. Labor at present is a big part of the problem.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Geoff Davies,**

Braidwood resident and retired Senior Fellow, Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National University.

## Tea and muffins with ESC on Araluen Rd

After 7 months and a number of requests, council staff finally consented to meet with residents of Araluen Road to discuss the proposed bypass solution around the Knowles Creek landslide and to answer our questions. Staff traversed the newly graded fire trails to meet with residents at the Deua River fire shed on Saturday 19th June.

On the whole, most residents I spoke to viewed the meeting as 'successful' and we would like to publicly thank the council staff who attended. We were also appreciative of the muffins and fancy wooden box of tea bags that they supplied.

We found the presentation regarding the Knowles Creek bypass solution most informative and helpful in understanding the difficulties associated with the planning and constructing of the bypass road.

The drone footage over the 2 landslide sites and accompanying commentary was also well received and much appreciated.

However, the most welcome piece of news was that we now have a time frame, with work beginning on 5th July and machinery moving on site on 12 July.

For residents, it will have been a very long 8 months waiting for completion of geotechnical investigations, planning/design and relevant approvals prior to any actual work beginning on the ground.

Also most worthy of celebration is that it is anticipated that the bypass will be finished before Christmas and that residents may be able to utilise it prior to completion.

This time frame was a huge plus for us, as prior to this announcement, residents had not been provided with any indication of the progress towards resolving the road closure and completion of the bypass - there was no 'light at the end of the tunnel' so to speak.

Residents were also thankful for the promise of more frequent 'updates' that are not repetitive or providing information that is self evident.

The remaining concerns are:

- \* financial impacts of road closure and having to use fire trails - wear and tear on vehicles/tyres, increased fuel consumption, loss of income, rent being paid while rebuilding of homes is on hold.

- Many residents question why we must pay our rates, as the road was all we got for them - a 12 month rates waver would offer some sort of financial compensation for our increased costs/income loss.

- When this was put at the meeting, the General Manager responded that council cannot make any concessions or waiver. But when it was pointed out that wavers had occurred after the bushfires, the General Manager said that she would look into it.

- \* residents stuck on the eastern side of the second landslide need to access Araluen and Braidwood for work, school, mail, supplies, children's sport, social events, and other commitments. No solution or help for these residents was/has been provided. These residents have constructed their own bypass 'track' around the landslide, however it is extremely steep, dangerous and unusable in the wet. The alternative is a round trip in excess of 260 km for these residents.

- \* This second landslide will have to go through the same process as Knowles - months of preparation/planning prior to any on-the-ground work. It is expected to take about 2 years before Araluen Road reopens to through traffic.

- \* the fact that there will be only one road out of the valley for the next fire season is concerning and causing anxiety.

- \* when asked about the probability of 'another landslide or road slip' where no detour is available, the response was something like, 'that would be problematic!' It was a serious, question considering the numerous problem sites, and deserved a serious response.

- \* The question was also asked as to what the protocol was for trying to return responsibility for Araluen Road to the RMS, as council has never been able to afford the required maintenance/repairs and never will. The only response was that they wished they could. This too, was a serious question requiring a serious answer.

We must now keep our fingers crossed that no more 'problem sites' collapse causing further closures.

**Patricia Gardiner**  
Deua River Valley



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### State-wide changes to submitting DAs

From Thursday 1 July all development applications and post consent certificates across NSW must be submitted via the NSW Government's Planning Portal instead of through local councils.

The NSW Government mandated the change, meaning council planning teams are no longer permitted by law to accept development applications and post consent certificates, however they still must assess them.

Anyone wanting to submit these applications to Council for assessment from Thursday 1 July will need to head to [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au), create an account and upload digital files, which will then be made available to Council's planning staff to assess. The NSW Government is also charging a fee for using the portal to lodge an application.

The NSW Government states the move is to "drive the digital transformation of all planning services".

Anyone needing assistance using the NSW Government Planning Portal will need to contact Service NSW on 1300 305 695 or email [info@service.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@service.nsw.gov.au)

Applications that must be submitted through the NSW Planning Portal from 1 July 2021 include:

- Development Applications
- Section 4.55 Modification Applications
- Complying Development Certificates
- Construction Certificates
- Occupation Certificates
- Subdivision Certificates
- Subdivision Works Certificates
- Appointment of Principal Certifying Authority

For more information and to register for the Planning Portal, visit [planningportal.nsw.gov.au](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au)

### Call for Federal Integrity Commission

59 eminent Australians, former Judges, and the legal fraternity, published an open letter, co-ordinated by the Australia Institute, to call on the federal Government to fulfil its election promise and establish a National Integrity Commission with teeth.

This was one of several 'priority reforms' that the Government would be 'working to achieve early in the 46th Parliament', and is well overdue.

Add your name to the call for a Federal Anti-corruption Watchdog with teeth, here: <https://theaus.in/fedICAC>

### Preschool Bushfire Recovery Grant



By Kathy Toirkens

Thank you to the families, educators (and family of educators) who were able to help planting on Saturday. It was a very productive morning of gardening.

Uncle Noel and Aunty Trish were able to come to be with us, and they advised us on the positioning of the plants, and told us about the plants we were putting in. Some plants will attract birds and insects and some plants have bush tucker uses. We will look forward to caring for the plants, and watching Yuin country grow the plants.

This project was funded by a Vinnies Bushfire Recovery grant. The bushfires destroyed so much of Yuin country, so we are proud to be growing some new plants, as well as creating a space for learning, reflection and appreciation of plants and animals, growth, seasons and mother earth.



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## Are you vaccinated against whooping cough?

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a severe and very contagious bacterial respiratory infection. The disease begins as a cold, then develops into a cough which may last up to 3 months. The 'whoop' (which is not always obvious) is due to a deep breath after a bout of coughing. Vomiting after coughing is also common.

Whooping cough is particularly dangerous for babies under 6 months of age. They are affected more seriously by the disease than older children and adults, and are also more likely to develop serious complications. One in 200 babies under 6 months of age who contract whooping cough will die. Immunisation is the best way to reduce the risk of whooping cough.

Babies cannot be vaccinated against whooping cough until they are 6 weeks old, meaning they are at significant risk of infection during this time. After 6 weeks of age, the vaccine is included in the National Immunisation Program (NIP) at regular intervals. We typically vaccinate pregnant women in their third trimester which passes on a small amount of protection to their baby to help them in those first 6 weeks. However, it is really important those around the baby are vaccinated to provide herd immunity and maximum protection – you may have heard new parents implementing a 'no vax no visit' rule.

For adults, the whooping cough vaccine is combined with diphtheria and tetanus. A booster vaccine is required every 5 years and is recommended if you are going to be around newborns.

At Capital Chemist Braidwood, our pharmacists are able to vaccinate adults against whooping cough without a prescription for \$59.95. This is an easy and convenient service for friends, aunts and uncles, and grandparents of soon-to-be newborns. We are able to do walk-in vaccinations (no appointment necessary) on Wednesdays & Fridays. Please make an appointment if you need an alternative time.

## Whooping Cough Vaccination



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## A place for everyone - Supporting refugees in our community

Queanbeyan-Palerang will become a Refugee Welcome Zone under a plan The Greens put forward this week to mark Refugee Week.

Greens candidate for QPRC, Katrina Willis, said that our community could provide more practical support for refugees under the program that dozens of councils across Australia had joined.

"On council, The Greens will seek support for Queanbeyan-Palerang to join the growing movement that is providing practical support for refugees," Ms Willis said.

Becoming a Refugee Welcome Zone is a public commitment to welcome refugees to our community, show compassion, support religious and cultural diversity, and uphold the human rights of refugees.

Refugee Welcome Zones also benefit from joining the program by supporting new residents into their regions, encouraging a younger workforce, and improving social harmony and cultural diversity.

There are many practical ways for Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council to support refugee settlement. This includes assisting the volunteers who advocate for and assist refugees.

"First off is to celebrate Refugee Week. Events could include a community meal in different towns, musical performances, film screenings and sporting activities," Ms Willis said.

"Forums to hear from refugees about their personal experiences, for those who wish to share these, can deepen our understanding of, and appreciation for, the challenges refugees face, the setbacks and achievements in making a new home after enduring circumstances most of us can barely imagine."

Other practical measures of support include:

- notifying refugee support groups when new refugees settle in the district; this could be done through liaison with government refugee support services
- supporting conversational English classes; this could include assisting with promotion and suitable meeting spaces
- helping refugees access networks such as local service providers, support groups, sporting and religious organisations, and businesses looking to provide work experience and employment
- expanding the donations program to include local groups who support refugees.

Contributed by **Katrina Willis**  
**Greens Candidate for QPRC**

## Braidwood Weather

Week ending 20 JUNE 2021

With Roger Hosking

1204mm in the last twelve months is the fifth highest of any similar span in 135 years. The wind is picking up which is leading to cold days but milder nights.

• Mon 14	Max 14	Min 8.5	0.2mm
• Tues 15	Max 14	Min 5	0.6mm
• Wed 16	Max 14	Min 1.5	0.2mm
• Thu 17	Max 14	Min 5	19mm
• Fri 18	Max 11	Min 0	
• Sat 19	Max 10	Min 5.5	5.6mm
• Sun 20	Max 12	Min 2.5	

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 2mm.  
81mm so far is in the top 30% of June rain totals

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## Man charged after car crashes into police station security gates – Queanbeyan

Wednesday, 23 June 2021  
12:41:05 PM

A man has been charged after allegedly crashing his car into security gates outside a police station in the State's south overnight.

About 11.40pm yesterday (Tuesday 22 June 2021), a white Holden sedan was travelling north on Farrer Place, Queanbeyan, when it hit the rear entry security gate outside Queanbeyan Police Station.

The car became wedged between the entry gates as a result. The gates sustained serious damage. The driver, a 44-year-old man, then left the car and allegedly placed a gas cylinder on the ground.

Officers attached to Monaro Police District, who were inside the building at the time, arrested the man.

He was taken to Queanbeyan Hospital for assessment. The man was later taken to Queanbeyan Police Station where he was charged with drive recklessly/furiously or speed/manner dangerous, and destroy or damage property. Investigations are still ongoing. He was refused bail and will appear today (Wednesday 23 June 2021) at Queanbeyan Local Court.

## Government's \$490m Electric Vehicles Strategy



Louise McFadden with the SHASA Nissan LEAF

Following months of campaigning for government support for electric vehicles (EVs), the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) has welcomed a NSW Government \$490m EV strategy.

SHASA has been working with shire residents and businesses to increase awareness of the benefits of EVs. SHASA's coordinator drives a Nissan LEAF EV, which is also available for Eurobodalla residents to test drive, with dozens of people taking up the opportunity. SHASA recently joined forces with the Nature Conservation Council of NSW to lobby the NSW Government for improved EV charging infrastructure on the South Coast and nearby towns such as Braidwood and a range of other measures to encourage uptake of EVs. Measures of the \$490m NSW Government strategy include:

- Waiving stamp duty on electric vehicle purchased after 1 September 2021
- A \$3000 rebate for the first 25,000 new purchases of electric vehicles priced under \$68,750, from 1 September 2021
- Expenditure of \$171m on new charging infrastructure, including \$131m on ultra-fast vehicle chargers, \$20m in grants for 'destination chargers' in regional areas, and \$20m for charging infrastructure at public transport hubs on land owned by Transport for NSW.
- More than \$30m to be spent on upgrading the state government's car fleet with electric vehicles, that are likely to be on-sold within five years, therefore kickstarting the second-hand market.
- Ensuring households with limited off-street parking would be no more than 5km from an EV charger, and EV chargers would be installed at 100km intervals along major highways and at 5km intervals on major roads in Sydney
- Electric vehicles will be able to use carpool lanes and there will be priority parking spots for EVs to recharge

SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell said: "The South Coast of NSW is currently a black spot for EV chargers. We anticipate this package will result in the installation of EV chargers on the Kings Highway (Braidwood, Bungendore) and the Princes Highway (Ulladulla, Milton, Moruya, Narooma, Cobargo). This will ensure that the region does not lose tourists who drive EVs and ensures locals with EVs can travel with ease to Canberra and Sydney."

Ms Maxwell added: "SHASA would like to thank the Transport Minister Andrew Constance and Energy and Environment Minister Matt Kean for their hard work to secure this package of measures, which will make it easier for people to make their next new car an EV and help NSW achieve net zero emissions by 2050. EVs mean less pollution and less noise, a win for the climate, for our health and for our lifestyle."

"SHASA will continue to work with Eurobodalla Shire Council, local businesses and residents to increase awareness of the benefits of EVs, and to encourage greater uptake in the Shire."

## Taking Braidwood's voice to Canberra.



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**Ordinary Meeting of QUEANBEYAN-  
PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL**

AGENDA 23 June 2021

Commencing at 5.30pm

Queanbeyan Council Chambers

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Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) of the  
Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel  
matters concerning particular individuals (other than  
councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting  
would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

17 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

**Next Meeting date:**

Extraordinary Council meeting

Wednesday, 30 June 2021 | 5:30PM to 7:30PM

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 23 June 2021

Item 9.9 Fixing Local Roads - Round 3 Application

Round 3 of the NSW Governments \$500 million Fixing Local  
Roads Program is now open. In round 3, Councils may apply  
for up to \$3 million for a single road project and up to \$1  
million for packages of small road projects.Recommendation That Council determine which project/s to  
nominate for grant funding through the Fixing Local Roads  
Round 3.**Background**

To be eligible, projects must be:

- located on a Local Road managed by council (note: Regional and Crown roads are not eligible)
- identifiable as a priority or important local road for the local government area or region
- able to commence in the first six months from receipt of signed funding deed
- deliverable within 24 months of notification from Transport for NSW
- maintenance-driven such as repairing, patching, maintaining or sealing existing roads.

Council staff have identified the following possible projects to apply for Fixing Local Roads Round 3 funding, based largely on Councils Unsealed Road Maintenance – Grading policy road categories:

- a. Bitumen sealing of Williamsdale Road (\$3.0m)  
\$3 million would rehabilitate and bitumen seal the majority of the remaining 4.0km of unsealed road following the upcoming LRCI funded sealing projects on Williamsdale Road. The approved LRCI funding for this project could be used as co-contribution funding, making this project more favourable for grant funding.
- b. Bitumen sealing of Hoskinstown Road (\$3.0m)  
\$3 million would rehabilitate and bitumen seal a length of approximately 3.5- 4.0km of Hoskinstown Road between the end of seal in Hoskinstown township and Rossi Road, an unsealed section of road 4.44km long.
- c. Bitumen sealing of Urila Road (\$2.0m)  
\$2 million would rehabilitate and bitumen seal the unsealed section of Urila Road from the existing end of seal to Hardy Road, a section of road 2.03km long.
- d. Bitumen sealing of Gidleigh Lane (\$3.0m)  
\$3 million would rehabilitate and bitumen seal a length of approximately 3.5- 4.0km of Gidleigh Lane from the existing end of seal towards Butmaroo Road, an unsealed section of road 6.82km long.

It is suggested Council recommendations 1 or possibly 2 projects to be nominated for funding under this grant. The project application process for this grant funding is extensive, with the likelihood of being successful for grant funding for multiple projects unlikely.

**Conclusion**

QPRC is eligible to apply for Fixing Local Roads Round 3 funding, with applications closing on 5 July 2021. Council is to determine which projects will be submitted to receive funding under the competitive Fixing Local Roads program.

## What Happened at the QPRC Ordinary Meeting in Tweets

- Council is now hearing from a member of the public who is making a presentation about a matter on tonight's agenda.
- Council has deferred discussion on the Funding Deed for the Braidwood Heritage Centre, a project being managed by the NSW Government's Public Works Advisory team.
- Council awards contract for the new playground at Bungendore Park to Moduplay, agreeing to fund balance of works from Bungendore S7.11 reserves should additional grant or sponsor funding not be secured 1/2.
- 2/2 Council supports the relocation of the Bush Balladeers structure from Mick Sherd Oval to Frogs Hollow and will advise the Department of Education who would fund the relocation.
- Council has adjusted its priority list for Round 4 of the Stronger Country Communities Grant following success under other funding sources announced today for Freebody Oval womens change room and lighting for Halloran Oval 1/2.
- 2/2 New priorities include Karabar Netball court change rooms, Hoover Road archery toilets, lighting for Steve Mauger Oval, Queanbeyan Arts Society building upgrade and Wright Park amenities .
- Council considers a proposal from Canberra Model N Scale Group for a facility at Queanbeyan Showground and does not support a single-user option. Council will assist the Canberra Model N Scale Group to identify an alternative suitable site .
- Council commits to a binding agreement with Procurement Australia for tender and contract for a Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement and authorises the CEO to execute contract documents
- Investment Report for May 2021 is received, noting return was \$371,787. Council will receive a report in the future about investment options to those with connections to China .
- Council adopts the Investment Policy after the 2021 annual review.
- Council will apply a 2% increase to current fees paid to the mayor and councillors following recent determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal
- Council nominates the bitumen sealing of Williamsdale Road and Hoskinstown Road for grant funding through the Fixing Local Roads Round 3 .

### Local Government Elections - 4th September 2021

If you own property in Queanbeyan-Palerang, even if you live elsewhere, you may be eligible to vote in the upcoming local government elections through the non-residential roll. Non-residential rolls allow those who live in one LGA but own property or pay rent in another to vote. Each individual is responsible for checking their eligibility before applying. Non-residents can apply until 26 July 2021

## Towards 2042 in Queanbeyan-Palerang

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council will be consulting with the community until 30 July to build our Towards 2042 - Community Strategic Plan.

This project will explore community priorities for the next 20 years through Council facilitated discussion in-person, online and over the phone. The ideas, opinions and outcomes of these discussions will become part of our Community Strategic Plan.

Mayor Tim Overall is looking forward to collaborating with the community on this critical project.

"This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and influence our future. It's your chance to tell us what you, your friends, family and the wider community will need to grow and thrive towards 2042," said Mayor Overall.

Consultation will involve phone surveys between 1 – 30 July, drop-in sessions with the community, colouring kits shared with local schools and an online survey.

### Drop-in sessions will be held at:

- Braidwood outside the IGA - 11am-2pm 30 June
- Bungendore outside the IGA - 4-7pm 30 June
- Queanbeyan at Riverside Plaza - 4-7pm 1 July

"Towards 2042 asks us to consider what we love about where we live, what we'd like our future to look like, and how we will get there. Together, we can build a vision of the future that respects our unique region and lifestyle."

As part of the consultation we have a Community Discussion Guide. This guide is designed to assist community groups and organisations in guiding their conversations as well as providing information on how to submit a group response.

"We have a custodial role in initiating and preparing the Community Strategic Plan, but it is a community plan. Many partners, such as state agencies and community groups, will be responsible for its implementation. The Community Strategic Plan ensures the whole community can contribute and work towards a shared vision for a better future.

Towards 2042 asks the community some key questions, focusing on where we are now, where we want to be in ten years, how we will get there, and how we will know if we've been successful.

There are plenty of ways that you can get involved:

Complete the online survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPRC-Main>

### Attend a community pop up event

- 30 June - outside Braidwood IGA from 11am-2pm
- 30 June - outside Bungendore IGA from 4-7pm
- 1 July - Riverside Plaza Queanbeyan from 4-7pm
- 3 July - Captains Flat markets from 9.30am-1.30pm
- 11 July - Queanbeyan Christmas in July market - 10am-2pm
- 24 July - Braidwood markets from 8am-1pm

Towards 2042 allows us to consider what we love about where we live, what we'd like our future to look like, and how we will get there. For more information on how to get involved, visit [bit.ly/QPRC2042](http://bit.ly/QPRC2042)

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Braidwood Folk Music Club presents a concert with Mickey & Michelle [www.mickeymichelle.com](http://www.mickeymichelle.com)  
Mickey & Michelle are a talented Australian harp and fiddle duo touring their debut album 'A Walking Pace'. In 2019-20 they undertook a 3,000km walking tour of New Zealand, playing concerts along the way. Come along and enjoy a lovely winter's day concert and hear their stories from the trail.

Sunday 4th July, 3 - 5pm, at Braidwood Uniting Church, Monkittee St. Tickets \$20/\$25  
[www.trybooking.com/BSKHN](http://www.trybooking.com/BSKHN) or at door. Under 16's free.  
This will be the first Folk Club concert for 2021 and we would love to see you there!

## Help the National Trust strengthen the outcome of the Heritage Act Review

Last month, the NSW government announced a major review of the Heritage Act, 1977 – the findings of the review will contribute to the evidence base for legislative reform. The NSW Heritage Act, 1977 is the single most important instrument in our state that identifies, protects and conserves our heritage – strengthening it is the only option. The National Trust (NSW) is committed to ensuring that the 2021 legislative review considers not only the Act itself but also the way it is implemented and applied. We recently hosted an Independent Forum into the Review to discuss key issues facing New South Wales' heritage, develop responses to the Review's Discussion Paper and identify what a robust, comprehensive and effective Heritage Act looks like.

Every submission counts and it's fundamentally important that the government receives as many community submissions as possible. The Trust has created a Heritage Act Submission [Toolkit](#) to arm you with information so that you can make an effective submission into the Review – your submission will make a difference!

## Taken a top shot lately?

The Bugle welcomes contributions for Photo of the Week.

# WANTED

## Your trash and stuff...

The Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association is preparing for a really adventurous creative workshop program in the first week of July. We need help to collect materials for the "You Tell Us" – Winter Workshop Series.

The theme of this workshop program is about telling stories by making and creating using the waste materials we find around us. **UPCYCLING**

We will be exploring how to rethink the stuff around us.

**So, we need stuff!!**

This is your chance to clean out the craft drawer, the shelves in the shed, the boxes under the bed.

Do you have any of the useful stuff on this list that you can donate so we can remake into something amazing (only clean and non-hazardous stuff, please).

Craft supplies	Fabric and fabric scraps	Ribbons	Tin cans	Biscuit tins
Plastic bottles or containers	Tupperware containers	Tyre inner tubes	rubberbands	Cardboard tubes
Old rubber thongs (footwear)	Coloured paper	Wrapping paper	Buttons	Dress ups
Interesting offcuts of things	Wool or string	Old curtains	Dowel	Cardboard
				or anything useful...

Please email [braidwoodperforming@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodperforming@gmail.com) or ring Annie 0450283241 to arrange donations.

Only two weeks to the workshops so please don't delay.

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## BRAIDWOOD COMMON

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## Did you know that Braidwood has a common?

For the last 4 years a group of dedicated volunteers have been working to create a walking trail. It runs from the community gardens to the golf course look out and confluence pool.

Join us on Saturday June 26 to meet Commonwood Farm members and discover the new creekside walk.

You can show your support for Commonwood Farm and the new walking trail by becoming a member.

**Please wear good walking shoes and bring sun protection.**

**Saturday June 26, 10am-2pm**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**Retrospective' is a reflection of the prestigious Basil Sellers Art Prize which showcases talented regional artists.**

The Basil Sellers Art Prize Retrospective, is an exhibition showcasing the event's history highlighting the idea of looking back to honour the many artists who have vied for this illustrious prize.

Despite a backdrop of crises that plagued 2020, the largest number of entries to date was received from artists across NSW and the ACT.

The major prize of \$20,000 was awarded to Peter Matthew Yates for his portrait aptly titled, Connection, which according to judge Daniel Soma "interpreted the current social climate very clearly, with an honest depiction of our new and strange ways of communicating."

Local Moruya artist, Raewyn Lawrence captured a moment of quiet, after the horror and devastation of the bushfire season with her entry Smoke.

The Basil Sellers Art Prize Retrospective exhibition will be on at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, Moruya from 26 June to 8 August, 2021.

**Entries now open for River of Art Prize**

With the 2021 River of Art Festival scheduled to start in less than 3 months, South Coast artists are urged to enter their work in this year's festival art prize.

The prize, always a highlight of Eurobodalla's annual celebration of the region's rich artistic life, will be even bigger this year. Artists across all media, from within and beyond the region, are encouraged to submit their work for this year's prize. Last year's fabulous exhibition featured many works highlighting the impact of the region's bushfires.

The winning artist will receive \$2,000 with \$250 for the runner up. The artwork most highly commended will be awarded \$100. Finalists will be selected by an eminent judge nominated by the River of Art Festival.

Artworks must be the original, unassisted work of the entrant, completed within one year of the exhibition date and not previously exhibited.

Shortlisted works (approximately 25 works) will appear in the River of Art Prize exhibition to be held at Gallery Narooma run by SoART.

Artists whose work is not shortlisted will be invited to exhibit their submitted artwork in the Salon de Refusés at Narooma's School of Arts' studios. Both exhibitions will run from 16 September through to 26 September 2021.

The award ceremony will be held at Gallery Narooma at 5pm on Thursday, 16 September, followed by the official opening of the festival the next evening at the BAS in Moruya.

Artists have until Monday, 16 August to submit their entries electronically, initially with simply a digital image of the work, via the online application form which can be found on the festival's website, [www.riverofart.com.au](http://www.riverofart.com.au). The cost of entry is \$40 per work. Details are also available on the website.

Now in its 16th year, the 2021 River of Art Festival will run from 17 to 26 September. Apart from the art prize, the festival will include favourites such the Open Studios. The full program will be available later this month. Works featured in the 2020 exhibition can be viewed on the River of Art website at [www.riverofart.com.au](http://www.riverofart.com.au)

River of Art is supported by the NSW Government through Destination NSW, and the Eurobodalla Shire Council

**TWISTED: Textile exhibition  
at BRAG opens this Friday  
25 June, 6pm.**

**Rusten House Art Centre - July Exhibition - 3%**

About the exhibition:3%

An exhibition by three artists Mandy Ord, Jodie Ohm Zutt and Dennis Mortimer. The trio work in a variety of media and attended the Canberra School of Art during the early 1990s. The exhibition title "3%" refers to a statement made by the Art School Director Dr David Williams from his welcome speech to 1st-year students'.

"...five years after graduating, only 3% of graduates will have an art practice & only 1% of the 3% will be living wholly off their art practice."

Mandy Ord creates woodblock prints exploring the idea of the doodle. For the cartoonist, a doodle is the fundamental starting point - from initial concept through to story and design. She experiments with characters and mark-making, taking her private drawings into a public space.

Jodi Ohm Zutt presents large oil paintings on unstretched canvas. Depicting scenes from WW2, Zutt uses bright colours undercut by confronting imagery to disarm the viewer. This dichotomy asks visitors of the exhibition to reassess their engagement with each work.

Dennis Mortimer shows works from the "Silent Canary" environment project. This project has been ongoing since the 1980s. A core component of the work is to articulate environmental concerns of pollution and habitat desecration through aesthetic imagery. This is expressed through an array of media. Official opening 2- 4pm Saturday 3 July.

Exhibition runs: 2 - 24 July 2021;

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**Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin as a regular contributor to the Bugle. THE GADFLY PAPERS, are a delightful collection of columns he has been writing since 2012.**

# Gadfly

**By Robert Macklin**

The recent sale of a painting - for \$93 million - by Jean-Michel Basquiat of a disgusting-looking skull titled In This Case, is only the latest example of the madness that is the artworld in this third decade of the 21st century.

It went at a New York auction peopled by billionaires and their trophy wives in a flagrant display of the obscene inequality that infects American society today. And not just America – it’s a worldwide trend and we’re by no means immune from its nastier consequences.

But I was particularly struck by the horrible skull – and the even more horrible price – through a close involvement with the work of an artist whom I grew very close to in the 15 years before his death in 2018. His name is Bob Baker and his work, which covers an extraordinary range of subject, is really quite wonderful.

Bob was born in England and aside from a couple of years of mandatory military service, he had always been an artist. Indeed, he won his first art prize at only 10 years of age. He married his sweetheart Pat and they set out on his motorbike around Scandinavia and Europe, painting along the way till they came to that part of rural France where Vincent Van Gogh spent his most productive years. And there Bob fell totally under his spell.

‘In the end I just had to leave,’ he told me. ‘I had to get as far away as possible, otherwise I’d have been there forever.’

Australia filled the bill. He and Pat settled in the Camden area where Bob established and managed an Art Society, taught a small group and painted himself, becoming well known among the Sydney cognoscenti, hung in the Wynne and Sulman competitions and selling his own works in the \$4000-\$6000 bracket.

But then in the late 1980s he suffered a heart attack because of the pollution drifting in from Sydney. A major heart operation followed and they escaped to Bodalla on the South Coast. I was Arts Editor of the Canberra Times then and from our Tuross bolthole, I got to know Bob and Pat. For months he couldn’t stretch his arms wide so turned his hand to miniatures. His small paintings of magpies overlooking coastal communities verged on genius.

When he recovered, he discovered a new fascination – the world of physics – and in time he was able to render such concepts as E= mc2 and Schrodinger’s Cat into the most graceful and charming paintings. He became to engrossed that he abandoned the art market almost entirely. And when I organised an exhibition at the CSIRO’s Discovery Centre he refused all offers to buy individual works.

By the time he died the artworld had moved on. When Pat authorised me to sell the remaining works – a treasure trove of almost 100 paintings – neither agents nor Galleries, national, state and regional – had either the funds, the space, or the interest, to take them.

Earlier this month Pat followed Bob to the grave with the studio/garage still packed with paintings. And last week a small group of us – Pat’s wonderful carer soon to be administrator of the estate, a local gallery owner and a brilliant former curator who has done a stunning job of cataloguing - gathered to try and decide what next.

Our ideas ranged from offering to donate a group to the Camden Art Society to splitting them up somehow...all very tentative until the formalities can be completed. That’s when I decided to make one last effort – via my friendly Gadfly – to see if there was a reader out there who cares to preserve genuine artistic quality.

For I promise, there’s not a single disgusting skull amongst them.  
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**6 Hassall Circuit Braidwood**

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**'What dreams are made of' \$2,500,000**



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**47 Coronation Ave**

**\$560,000**



Smell the cappuccinos - Just over 300 metres walk to the centre of town you can almost smell the cappuccinos or 400 metres in the other direction you are at the golf course and 19th hole. This 3 bedroom home has floating timber flooring throughout, split system reverse cycle air conditioning or wood heating if you prefer. All bedrooms have built ins and the freestanding double garage has lots of space for storage. Homes in this price range with so much to offer are becoming a rarity, an early inspection is recommended.

**'Cudgigomar'**

**\$6,000,000**



"Cudgigomar" is one of the largest properties in the region. Over 2500 hectares on 33 titles the property is surrounded by National Park on 3 sides, the centrepiece being the picturesque valley over which the homestead presides. Two creeks- Moodong and Appletree Creek run through the property. A diesel pump from Moodong Creek provides water to a 90,000 litre tank which reticulates to 15 concrete troughs in paddocks without creek access. Fencing is excellent with a lot being only recently renewed. The homestead is double brick, off grid solar powered, with all modern comforts and presents impeccably. Built in 2000 the home is still in new condition. Large north and east facing windows look out across the veranda to the valley. An information memorandum is available for interested parties on application.

## A Beer with Bazz # 22



*With  
John  
Longhurst*

Before Mick could land the schooners on the bar table, Bazza was straight to the point.  
‘The detention of the Biloela family breaks my heart. What sort of a callous,.....’  
Mick raised a finger to cut Bazza off.

‘On these matters, Bazza, I like to call myself a QUIET AUSTRALIAN. Now, do you reckon the Maroons will come back in game two State of Origin?’  
Bazza leaned forward.  
‘Quiet Australian eh? A quiet bloody Australian. I’ll give you quiet Australian.’

Bazza face reddened and his bottom lip quivered.  
‘When did it become QUITE AUSTRALIAN to lock up kids? When did it become QUITE AUSTRALIAN to deny people a life in a community that welcomes them? There is nothing QUITE AUSTRALIAN about this lack of humanity. It’s just a QUIET AUSTRALIA that lets the government get away with it.’

The public bar went silent and Mick’s eyes darted either way as the bar attendant motioned Bazza to lower his voice.  
‘I need to be a quiet Australian eh? Pass me that bloody typewriter doovalacky. I’m going to work out how to send one of those email thingummyjigs.’

For the next twenty minutes Bazza two finger typed an email on the laptop to the Hon. Alex Hawke, Minister for Immigration at alex.hawke.mp@aph.gov.au

Have a beer with Baz at john.longhurst59@gmail.com

## ClubGrants provide boost to communities

More than \$6 million will go towards 56 community projects, thanks to the latest round of the NSW Government’s Infrastructure Grants Program.

Minister for Digital and Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said the funding will go towards projects across sport and recreation, arts and culture, disaster readiness and essential community infrastructure.

‘This is an opportunity to provide a boost to local economies and grassroots organisations who perform invaluable work for their communities. We are pleased to be able to provide this much-needed support,’ Mr Dominello said.

‘The \$12.5 million annual program aims to fund projects to build or upgrade community facilities. The latest round was one of our largest yet in response to recent drought, floods and bushfires, as well as the impact of the pandemic.’

‘These grants support local communities with projects that help rebuild community spirit by increasing participation in sports and recreation, encourage interaction with creative arts and museums, and restore community infrastructure destroyed by bushfire.’

‘Whether it’s a library upgrade in Wagga, a new roof for a youth centre in Warren or the refurbishment of a football clubhouse in Woronora Heights, the benefits of the ClubGrants program are being felt right across the state.’

The Infrastructure Grants program is made possible by ClubGrants Category 3, a fund which re-invests profits from registered clubs’ gaming machines into community projects.

Since 2015, the NSW Government has funded more than 439 community projects worth \$73 million under the Infrastructure Grants program.

A full list of successful applicants for this round is on the Infrastructure Grant webpage.

Applications for the next round of funding open on Monday, 5 July 2021.

To find out more information, or to apply, please visit the Office of Responsible Gambling website.



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## St Bede's Parish

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesdays at 10am in the church.

**Meditation:** Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: Fridays for 1 hour between 9 and 10am. Please call in at any time during that hour to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

**Social Justice Meeting:** Sunday 4 July in the church at 10.30am. Presbytery

**Ecumenical Service at Braidwood MPS:** 1st Saturday of the month at 3.00pm.

You are invited to a "Call to Connect" women's ministry (CTC) Zoom prayer experience from our new free Starter Kit for women to form prayer/sharing groups and an opportunity for Q&A. Choose one of the following dates; June 21st, 22nd or 23rd, 7.30-8.30 pm. All welcome. Register for one evening to [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com) If you have any questions please submit with your registration so we get through them all on the night. The Prayer segment and Zoom link for the evening will be emailed to you the day before. The leadership team will be running the sessions.

[womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/](https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/)  
electronic link Facebook: Call to Connect women's ministry

**Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 2pm Saturday 26 June.** Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted by the rostered group. Many thanks to those who brought in goodies last month.

### Vinnies needs winter clothing!

Vinnies shops and our emergency support services remained open throughout the COVID-19 emergency last winter in Canberra. Because Vinnies was one of only a few services open, our stocks of winter coats, jackets and blankets were wiped out. You can drop off any donations at your local Vinnies shop.

### ABC Canberra outage this Friday

There will be a short outage of the Canberra ABC 666 re-transmission service this Friday (25 June) while we relocate some equipment. We expect the outage to be around 1.5 hours from 10am (weather permitting).

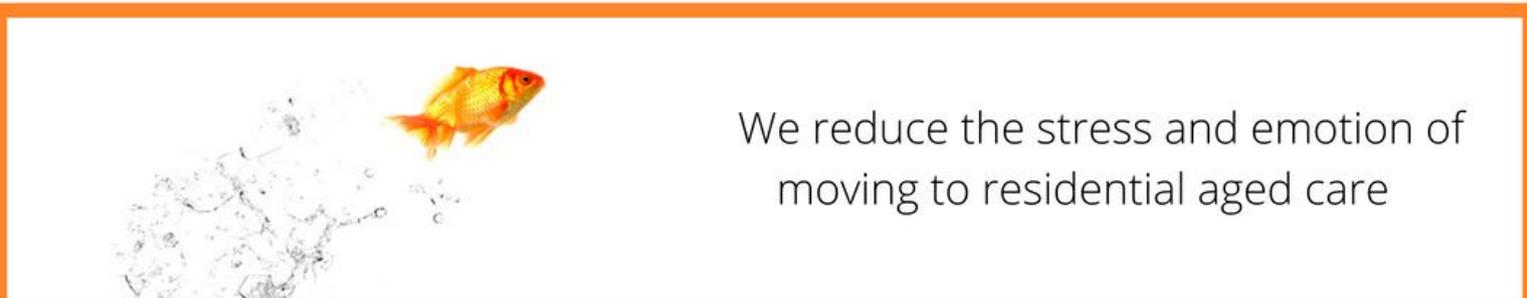
For those who are unaware, ABC Canberra is the official emergency broadcaster for our region and we have recently worked with a telecommunications contractor to improve the signal via retransmission. Residents in the Braidwood and Captains Flat areas can access a signal through the following frequencies:

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## Anglican Parish of Braidwood

### Defined by Issues

In Mark's Gospel, chapter 5 verses 21-43 we find a remarkable account of two miracles performed by Jesus. If we look at these two accounts superficially we don't really get the full picture of what is intended here. The reading is confronting because it deals with issues and the perceptions of others. We might be inclined to see these two women as victims, as all sorts of assessments were made by others about the state of their immediate health.

Interestingly neither woman is named, the closest we get is that one was the daughter of Jairus, the other with a twelve year affliction. The daughter was supposedly on her death bed by the diagnosis of onlookers while the other was a pariah, a social outcast because she was considered unclean by existing social morays of the day.

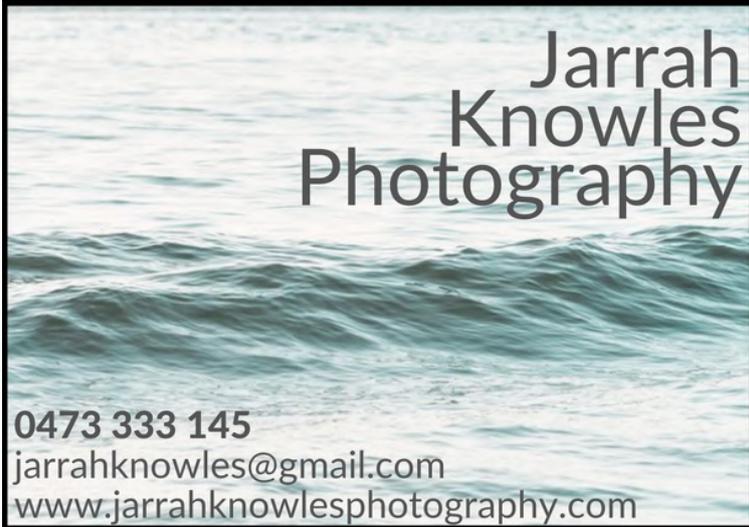
The problem we encounter in this gospel reading is one of definition. Were they Susan, Karen, Elizabeth or Amber? We just don't know. The information provided was sufficient to know who was being talked about around the town community. These women were defined wholly and solely by their respective issues. We may not readily admit it, but most, if not all of us have issues, whether acknowledged or not, or we just choose to sweep them under the carpet, so to speak. What are the things that are mostly on our minds. It could be health or fitness related. It could be a relationship matter concerning acceptance in a secular or faith community. There always seems to be something that eats away at our confidence, something we worry about, think about, or fret over. The kind of issues we need to deal with are often urgent and pressing in our mind's eye. We may choose to turn a blind eye to our issues but be assured others notice any deficiencies and worse still talk about them to others. Can you see the parallels with the Biblical Story.

It is worth pondering how many of us in today's world are defined by our issue? That's the grumpy old man! That's the woman who was hurt by a dear friend! That's the boy whose dad beat him! That's the girl who ran away from home! That's the couple with domestic issues! That's the preacher who failed morally! Unfortunately, we become defined by our issues and walk around wearing it like a nametag. Our real names and identities take a back seat as we become wrapped up in what happened to us. Issues, so often, define our attitude, our actions, the way we talk, behave and believe. Hurts suffered or wrongs committed some years ago may still haunt and define us. These two women had become defined by their issues. The only true solution found for their respective dilemmas was to come unreservedly to Jesus for healing.

Rev. Rick Lewis – Rector  
St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Braidwood

## Braidwood Uniting Church

Do you ever wonder what God is like? Sometimes when I look around at the challenging happenings in our world, I wonder what is in God's heart. The gospel of John makes it very clear that God is like Jesus. In the Scriptures, in John 10:30 Jesus says, "I and the Father are one." So when I wonder what God might be doing, I think about Jesus. I remember how Jesus showed great kindness to children. I read about the respect and identity that Jesus gave to women. I remember the compassion Jesus showed to the vulnerable, the weak, and the unwell. I consider the hope that Jesus spoke of, putting the tough things of today into a bigger picture; a wider perspective. I ponder how things might look different in our world if love was our guiding principle, rather than having things, or gaining status. I remember Jesus saying, "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12) How ever can I give greater love to the world than Jesus did? As I read of the challenges, I am invited to respond to my world with love: to share love, to act lovingly, to filter my thoughts and reactions through love. We have a big calling, but it is one that can change the world, and bring peace to us as well. May you experience love and peace this week. Blessings from Dr Julie Fletcher and the congregation of Braidwood Uniting Church: join us Sunday's for Worship, 10am or gather with Radio Church at 6pm. Weekly Garage Sale: Wednesday 9-3. Cnr Duncan and Monkitee Streets.



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## SCOTCH THISTLE - ONOPORDUM ACANTHIUM



Its botanical name comes from Greek and literary means Donkey Fart Thorny Plant but its common names include Heraldic Thistle, Woolly Thistle and Cotton Thistle.

Thistle is a member of the sunflower family and is a surprisingly useful plant.

The flower buds can be cooked as a globe artichoke substitute although they are much smaller and very fiddly to use. Used as a vegetable the stems are cooked in water like asparagus or rhubarb but they are best if the rind is removed. The leaves of young plants can be cooked if they are harvested before the flowers develop and the prickles are removed prior to cooking. The petals of the flowers are a great saffron substitute and used as a yellow food colouring and flavouring and the seed contains about 25% edible oil.

Medicinally the flowering plant is cardiotoxic and is used in some heart medicines. The juice of the plant is used to treat ulcers and a decoction of the root is astringent used to remedy discharge from mucous membranes.

Magickally, Wizards used Thistle stalks for walking sticks and wands. It is used in spells and rituals for safety, prosperity, endurance, health and improved energy. Poppets were stuffed with thistle and given to someone as a way of breaking the power of hexes and curses.

On the land Thistle will tell you a lot about your soil. It's indicative of low Calcium, high Potassium, high Manganese, high Magnesium, very low Iron, high Sulfate, high Boron, low humus in the soil, limited bacteria, compacted soil and poor drainage. It seems to be the mortal enemy of landholders across the globe yet their attempts to eradicate it are the very cause of its proliferation so if left to do its job it will actually eradicate itself once the soil is improved.

\*disclaimer: be sure of plant identification before consuming any wild plants and consult your medical practitioner before using any natural plant medicines.

### Lifeline courses in Braidwood

Thank you to Braidwood Uniting Church for sourcing funding to host the Lifeline Accidental Counsellor full day training in our community (Tuesday, 22nd June) and Introduction to Domestic Violence training (23rd June). The training was held at Braidwood Life Centre. It was well attended and very informative with lots of conversation and sharing of experiences of active listening with respect and trusting capacity of people to find best way forward. There was a diverse group of participants, from services and volunteers in community. We will endeavour to host a 2 day, deeper DV course in the next few months.

**Maria Bakas**

## APVMA refuses emergency use permit of bromadiolone

On 23 June 2021, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) issued the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) with a notice of intention to refuse its emergency permit application for the use of bromadiolone.

APVMA Chief Executive Officer, Ms Lisa Croft, said the APVMA is not satisfied that the proposed use of bromadiolone around the perimeter of crops meets the statutory criteria for safety, specifically in relation to residues and the environment.

"Before the APVMA is able to approve any application, we must be certain that it is safe, that it will work, and that it will not prevent our farmers from selling their produce overseas," said Ms Croft.

"The APVMA's primary concern is environmental safety, particularly in relation to animals that eat mice.

"Although the APVMA intends to refuse this particular application, we have approved 6 other emergency permit applications to give farmers extra mice control options."

The APVMA will continue to prioritise emergency use permit applications in relation to the mouse plague.

NSW DPI has 28 days to respond to the proposed decision to refuse the permit application. The APVMA will consider any information supplied by NSW DPI within this period before making its final decision.



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## Low-Range Speeding Fines Up 1,599%

There has been a 1,599 per cent increase in low-range (under 10km) speeding fines since the NSW Government introduced secret mobile cameras and removed mobile camera warning signs. From an average of 1,634 a month, the number of 'under 10km' speeding fines has exploded to a peak of 27,760 in March this year – a 1,599 per cent increase. The NSW Government now plans to triple the time the secret mobile cameras are deployed on NSW Roads. This means the number of 'under 10km' fines could skyrocket to more than 83,000 a month.

NSW Labor Leader Chris Minns called for an end to secret cameras and a return to high-visibility policing on our roads, including the return of mobile camera warning signs, and an increase in police highway patrols. "We need to do everything we can to save lives on our roads. Warning signs change behaviour and get drivers to ease off the pedal and slow down." "The vast majority of motorists slow down when they see police." "The NSW Government has worked out a way to slug families with hundreds of dollars for low-range speeding offences by hiding the cameras. This policy has made families and tradies poorer, but it hasn't made our roads safer," Mr Minns said.

Shadow Minister for Roads John Graham said the number of fines would skyrocket when the hours of use for these cameras triple from 7,000 to 21,000 enforcement hours per month.

"These hidden speed cameras are blatant revenue raising tactic to prop up a budget with record debt."

"The NSW Government has increased revenue twelve-fold, from \$478,580 in March 2020 to a peak of \$6.3 million in March 2021 – without saving a single extra life on NSW roads," said Mr Graham.

Mr Graham said fine revenue should be used to boost high visibility policing on NSW roads. This year the Community Road Safety Fund allocated a record low amount of \$27.1 million on policing, while \$40.6 million was spent on more speed cameras – which would have paid for more than 100 additional police highway patrols.

The fine for 'under 10km' speeding offences is \$123.

## CWA of NSW highlights safety issues at level crossings after recent fatalities

A fatal accident at a railway level crossing near Young in February has prompted a call from the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW for urgent action on safety at all level crossings across the state. Members at the association's annual conference in Bega earlier this month passed a motion of urgency requesting the NSW Government to commit immediately to increasing the safety measures in place across all level crossings in NSW, "so that wherever possible and practicable, all public level crossings are equipped with warning lights as a minimum safety feature". The motion also included a call for advocacy for increased safety measures at private crossings.

The motion applies to the high number of 'passive' level crossings, or those that are only marked by a stop or give way sign. The motion was put to the conference as an urgency motion after two local men were killed when their B-Double truck was hit by a freight train at a passive level crossing at Bribbaree, about 70km north west of Young, on February 23 this year. The accident shocked the local community, and the fiancée of one of the victims started an online petition in March calling for flashing lights to be made mandatory at all level crossings in Australia. CWA of NSW is encouraging its members to "support the petition as a matter of urgency".

CWA of NSW President Stephanie Stanhope said safety at level crossings where there were no flashing lights or boom gates had always been an issue and it was time something more was done to prevent further lives being lost.

"We know there are more than 3800 level crossings on both public roads and private roads in NSW and many fall into this 'passive' category. We also know that a range of factors can impede people when it comes to seeing a train coming towards these crossings, and without a clear warning, like flashing lights, drivers can mistakenly believe it's safe to cross," she said.

"Obviously there is a cost attached to these kinds of upgrades, but we'd argue the human cost is far higher, and that rural and regional residents should expect the same measures of safety as those in metropolitan areas."

Ms Stanhope said with the endorsement of the motion by conference delegates, the association would now make representations to the NSW Government and do whatever was necessary to have this important issue prioritised.

## Australian consumers now paying more for mobile plans

Millions of Australian consumers will pay more for their mobile phone plans after recent price increases by all three big telco companies, new analysis by the ACCC has found.

Since July 2020, Telstra, Optus and Vodafone have increased the price of several post-paid plans, and have effectively increased the price of a range of pre-paid plans by reducing their expiry periods, forcing customers to recharge more often.

Telstra, Optus and Vodafone collectively hold 87 per cent of the total retail mobile phone market, and have more than 95 per cent of the post-paid market.

"Our analysis shows that consumers will now be left paying significantly more for a range of mobile phone plans at Telstra, Optus and Vodafone," ACCC Chair Rod Sims said. "The behaviour of the three big telcos would suggest they are not concerned about losing customers to rivals."

During the past 12 months, Telstra increased its post-paid mobile plan prices by between \$5 and \$15 per month.

Telstra has also reduced the recharge expiry on 35 and 42 day pre-paid plans to 28 days, which effectively equates to a price increase of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent over a year.

In May, Optus raised the price of all of its post-paid plans by \$6 per month, which is an increase of between 8 per cent and 15 per cent. There has been no increase, however, in the cost of Optus's pre-paid plans.

Vodafone's post-paid plans have also gone up by between \$5 and \$40 a month, however, the increases are currently accompanied by heavy discounting and temporary bonus inclusions.

In December 2020, Vodafone's pre-paid plans that previously featured a 35 day expiry reduced to a 28 day expiry for the same monthly cost. Over a year, this effectively equates to a 25 per cent price increase.

These mobile price increases follow the merger of TPG and Vodafone in 2020. The ACCC encourages Telstra, Optus and Vodafone mobile customers to compare the prices and features offered by smaller providers that re-sell services on the networks of the three mobile network operators.

Small providers offer cheaper alternatives for consumers. Although their plans usually don't include extras such as access to content, their voice calls, SMS and data packages are similar to those offered by the three networks operators.

Information to assist consumers with choosing a mobile phone plan is available on the ACCC website at choosing a mobile plan.



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## Senate inquiry into faux meat labelling commended by farmers

The National Farmers' Federation has commended the establishment this week of a Commonwealth Senate Inquiry into the labelling of alternative protein products.

"We congratulate Senator Susan McDonald on initiating this important and logical process," NFF CEO Tony Mahar said.

"The actions of some manufacturers in continuing to incorrectly label for example, faux meat products as 'bacon' featuring a pig or 'chicken not chicken, is not only potentially misleading to consumers it is an insult to farmers and the extended meat supply chain.

"It is essential that when making their buying decisions, consumers are assured that the labelling of products before them is accurate. Non-meat products must not be permitted to masquerade as meat, we must ensure there is truth in labelling."

Mr Mahar said the NFF welcomed the inquiry's focus on the economic effects of non-animal protein marketing on Australia's red meat industry and the legality of using livestock imagery on non-meat products.

"The NFF and our members look forward to engaging with the inquiry and to ultimately clearing up what has become a distressing and offensive situation for Australia's hard working meat producers."

## Return of Barnaby Joyce as Nationals' leader a setback for climate

Barnaby Joyce's return as federal Nationals' leader does not bode well for climate action, according to Climate Action Monaro (CAM).

CAM believes that Mr Joyce will be a stronger resisting force against Prime Minister Scott Morrison when it comes to setting a target date for achieving zero net emissions. The Prime Minister has said 2050 is "possible" but has been consistently held back from committing fully to it by the Nationals.

CAM President Ms Jo Oddie says the basis for the Nationals opposition is that it will kill coal mining jobs and manufacturing in regional areas.

"In actual fact, the Nationals are climate deniers," says Ms Oddie. "They do not want targets for action on climate change because they do not see it as a threat, let alone an existential one that will destroy the rural economy and environment.

"It is significant that the person who moved the spill motion was former Resources Minister Matt Canavan who has been the greatest defender of coal in Parliament. Clearly, he felt Michael McCormack would not stand up to the Prime Minister on the zero net target issue."

Ms Oddie says the Liberals will lose voter support if they allow the Nationals to determine climate policy.

"Voters are way out ahead of our legislators when it comes to climate change. Polls reveal that people understand the science and want appropriate action. Ordinary voters can see that a transition to renewable energy away from fossil fuels can build both jobs and wealth, as well as stave off disaster.

"As Australian Farmers for Climate Action point out '... there are incredible opportunities for farmers and farming communities, particularly around the massive investment we're about to see in renewables, and sequestering carbon in trees and soil.'

"We want Australian farmers to have access to these opportunities. Farmers care deeply about climate change. How can a party be so out of touch with their so-called constituents?"

"The Nationals' blocking action is all so short-sighted. The European Union and some countries are likely to bring in carbon border tariffs which would penalise those countries not taking effective climate action. There are a host of Australian export industries including rural ones that will be adversely affected by these tariffs.

Ms Oddie urged the Prime Minister to commit to zero net emissions by 2050, or preferably much earlier.

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## NSW BUDGET - what they said...

**NSW BUDGET: Monaro to emerge stronger than ever**  
Monaro is seeing unprecedented investment with the 2021-22 NSW State Budget delivering record funding for a number of key projects across the region.

**Member for Monaro John Barilaro** said the budget ensures the region emerges stronger as it continues its recovery from the challenges of the past few years.

"This is the most impressive budget I've seen in my ten years as Member for Monaro, with significant investment in education, roads, healthcare and infrastructure," Mr Barilaro said.

### **SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN ROADS AND TRANSPORT:**

Mr Barilaro said today's budget cements the NSW Government's commitment to improve key roads across the region, ensuring everyone can travel safely from A to B.

"I'm excited to share that today's budget includes a massive \$20 million to continue the major upgrades of both the Monaro and Kings Highway, key thoroughfares in the electorate," Mr Barilaro said.

"In addition to this, \$19.8 million has been allocated to improve Bobeyan Road, Dunns Creek Road and Captains Flat Road.

"This investment will ensure a safer journey for all road users, improve our region's productivity and create jobs at a time when they're needed most."

### **SNOWY MOUNTAINS SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT**

The Snowy Mountains is on track to become the Aspen of the Southern Hemisphere with today's budget allocating significant funding to deliver a number of Special Activation Precincts (SAPs) across the state.

Mr Barilaro said \$50 million has been secured to deliver the Williamtown, Moree and Snowy Mountains SAP for this year alone.

"The Snowy Mountains SAP is a bold, 40-year vision for the region. It will create jobs, attract businesses and investors to the region and fuel economic development locally," Mr Barilaro said.

"I'm looking forward to sharing the draft masterplan with the community over coming weeks. Today's budget means we can get on with delivering this exciting vision."

### **\$1 MILLION BOOST FOR MUMS AND BUBS IN THE MONARO**

New parents in Queanbeyan and surrounding communities will have access to increased specialised support, with the NSW Government committing \$1 million to early parenting service provider Tresillian.

Mr Barilaro said the funding will deliver a new Tresillian mobile van in Queanbeyan and cover staffing costs.

"The Tresillian Family Care Centre Hub in Queanbeyan has made a huge difference to the lives of parents and families in our community," Mr Barilaro said. "I'm thrilled that today's budget means the community has access to the support they need."

### **TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Infrastructure across the Monaro received a significant boost in today's budget with funding allocated to Queanbeyan's Main Street upgrade, the Thredbo Valley Track extension and the Jindabyne Regional Sports Hub.

Mr Barilaro said these projects will make a huge difference to local communities across the Monaro.

"The Monaro Street upgrade is going to be a game-changer for Queanbeyan, and today's allocation means we will have shovels in the ground in the first half of 2022," Mr Barilaro said.

"It is also great to see an addition \$13.5 million included to continue the Thredbo Valley Track extension. This project is going to be a massive tourism drawcard for the region." The Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Hub was allocated \$2.5 million in today's budget.

### **NEW JINDABYNE POLICE STATION RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT BOOST**

Policing will be bolstered in the Snowy Mountains, with today's budget including \$5.9 million for the upgrades of the Jindabyne, Perisher and Thredbo Police Stations.

Mr Barilaro said today's allocation will be welcomed by the local community. "The safety of the community is paramount, and by upgrading these stations we are ensuring our wonderful men and women in blue have the resources they need to do their job to their best ability," Mr Barilaro said.

### **QUEANBEYAN RACECOURSE DROUGHT-PROOFING PROJECT**

The Queanbeyan Racecourse is set to undergo major improvements to its irrigation and storm water catchment systems, with \$500,000 allocated in today's budget.

Mr Barilaro said the funding will make a huge difference to the Queanbeyan Racing Club.

"Racing is a big part of Queanbeyan, with events including the Queanbeyan Cup and the annual Boxing Day Races drawing large crowds," Mr Barilaro said.

"This funding will ensure the club is prepared for when the next drought hits. These improvements will not only drive down the club's reliance on the local water supply but will also bring down ongoing costs."

## **NSW budget delivers unprecedented investment in education**

More than \$151 million has been allocated in the 2021-22 NSW State Budget to deliver new schools and major upgrades to existing facilities across the Monaro, a record spend for the region.

Member for Monaro John Barilaro said the unprecedented investment will ensure shovels will be in the ground on a number of key projects before the end of the year.

"As promised, the Bungendore and Jerrabomberra High Schools, the new primary school at Googong and the Jindabyne Education Campus will all be open for the first term of 2023.

"We've already seen significant progress on these new schools but today's budget means we will be turning the first sod on these important projects before the year is out. I'm absolutely thrilled."

The 2021/22 NSW State Budget includes:

- \$40.1 million in 2021-22 to begin early works on the Jindabyne Education Campus
- \$34.6 million in 2021-22 to construct a new high school in Bungendore
- \$31.3 million in 2021-22 to continue the delivery of a new primary school in Googong
- \$25.9 million in 2021-22 to construct a new high school in Jerrabomberra
- Delivery of a new hall at Queanbeyan West Public School

Mr Barilaro said upgrading existing school infrastructure across the electorate is also prioritised in the 2021-22 NSW State Budget.

"Ensuring our children have access to the same level of world-class educational facilities as those in the city has always been a key focus of mine," Mr Barilaro said.

"We are in the midst of a \$47 million upgrade of Monaro High School. An allocation of \$12.7 million this year means we can continue to deliver a school the community deserves."

The budget also includes \$3.3 million to continue the Braidwood Central School upgrade, \$492,000 for Karabar High School and more than \$2.5 million to begin construction on the new Queanbeyan West School hall.

"The NSW Nationals in Government are investing in regional education more than ever before, and I'm incredibly proud of what we are able to deliver for the Monaro. Today's budget will leave a legacy for generations," Mr Barilaro said.

### **Blockbuster funding for NSW State cultural institutions**

The State's cultural institutions are set to receive blockbuster funding in the 2021-22 NSW Budget, including a \$40 million commitment to support the attraction of major cultural exhibitions from across the globe to NSW over the next four years.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said this year's Budget also includes \$220.6 million for cultural institutions to undertake capital works – including funding for completion of the landmark Sydney Modern project and critical upgrade work across all institutions.

## NSW BUDGET - what they said...

### Regional Regeneration Budget Welcomed

**Regional Cities New South Wales (RCNSW)** has welcomed the release of the 2021-22 State Budget, which includes a range of measures that will help regional cities in New South Wales to grow and prosper.

"This budget will help our members to manage their recovery, build resilience and lay the foundations for a bright and productive future," Regional Cities NSW Chair and Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Cr Tim Overall said. "Regional NSW has endured one of the toughest times in history with drought, flood, bushfires, plague and a global pandemic causing heartbreaking devastation and unforeseen challenges." "Funding allocated to the Regional Growth Fund and Restart NSW is critical to ensure a strong recovery, so our regional cities can continue to be strong service and economic centres," Cr Overall said.

"Regional cities play an important role as service hubs providing access to health, education, jobs as well as arts, culture and sporting facilities - investing in our member cities will make sure the people of NSW are offered a liveable alternative to Sydney," he said.

"To accommodate this growth however RCNSW will continue to advocate that housing supply and affordability require greater attention from policymakers if regional Australia is going to be in a position to capitalise on recent population growth," said Cr Overall.

Investments announced as part the Budget (including those that have been made in recent weeks) include:

#### Regional Recovery and Development

- \$79.5 million for the Regional Job Creation Fund;
- \$168.1 million for the Regional Growth Economic Activation Fund; and
- \$398.4 million to deliver projects under the Regional Growth Fund.

#### Special Activation Precincts:

- \$185.4 million for Parkes;
- \$157.5 million for Wagga Wagga;
- \$75.0 million for Special Activation Precincts pre-delivery works;
- \$25.4 million for future Precincts (including Narrabri, Moree and Snowy Mountains); and
- \$5.0 million for Regional Job Precincts to deliver streamlined planning approvals across the State (including Albury).

#### Cross Border Support:

- \$5.0 million for the NSW Office of the Cross-Border Commissioner; and
- \$15.0 million from the Cross-Border Commissioner's Infrastructure Fund.

#### Disaster Recovery and Emergency Response

- \$590.4 million for the 2021 NSW Storm and Flood Recovery Package;
- \$268.2 million in response to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry; and
- \$259.7 million for an expanded Public Safety Network coverage.

#### Transport

- \$549.5 million to accelerate a range of regional transport programs and projects, including Fixing Country Bridges program; rollout of real time tracking on regional bus services; continued planning and delivery of the 16 Cities program;
- \$320.0 million to deliver a modern, new Regional Rail Fleet and construct a maintenance facility in Dubbo;
- \$250.0 million for NSW Government's Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review; and
- \$63.8 million for the Fixing Country Rail program.

#### Connectivity

- \$100.0 million for the Gig State project to upgrade digital network infrastructure;
- \$50.0 million for the Mobile Coverage Project to deliver improved regional mobile coverage; and
- \$47.9 million for the expanded Farms of the Future program which includes constructing and operating Long Range Wide Area Networks.

#### Education

- \$280.4 million to give over 1,000 regional, rural and remote schools improved digital teaching and learning tools;
- \$110.8 million for the Regional School Renewal Program;
- \$30.0 million for the Regional Roof Upgrade Program; and
- \$12.0 million regional TAFE campus ICT facilities.

#### Health, Aged Care and Community Services

- \$900 million for new and upgraded hospitals in rural and regional NSW; and
- \$36.4 million to fund 57 mental health Response and Recovery Specialists in regional and rural communities.

#### Aboriginal Communities

- \$156.3 million to for affordable housing for Aboriginal communities.

#### Tourism and the Arts

- \$30.0 million for the Creative Capital program to deliver new cultural infrastructure projects in Greater Sydney and regional NSW.

"We congratulate the State Government on initiatives that support New South Wales communities to develop strong regional economies" Cr Overall said.



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## NSW BUDGET - What they said...

### State Budget strong on regional communities, light on ag sector growth

**NSW Farmers** welcomes the NSW Government's commitment to building strong regions with special emphasis on health and education in the 2021-2022 State Budget, and acknowledges the commitment to date to support farmers.

President of NSW Farmers, James Jackson, said it was pleasing to see a focus on building strong regional communities following drought, bushfires, floods, covid-19 and the mouse plague.

"We welcome \$1.9 billion to build and repair regional schools and hospitals. In order to have thriving regional towns, health and education infrastructure needs to be up to scratch."

"It's also great to see the state government matching the federal government's commitment to improving the Great Western Highway with \$2 billion allocated to the project."

"NSW Farmers was also pleased to see additional funding of \$268.2 million (co-funded with the Commonwealth Government) in response to the NSW bushfire inquiry," Mr Jackson said.

Other Budget highlights for 2021-2022 include:

- \$176.9 million to address biosecurity risks, including \$35 million for fighting exotic biosecurity threats.
- \$79.5m from the Regional Job Creation Fund to incentivise and attract business and job creation in regions.
- \$50 million for mobile coverage.
- \$47.9 million for the Farms of the Future Program.
- \$40 million for Local Land Services initiatives.
- \$38.2 million for round two of the Commonwealth Government's Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Program.
- \$36.4 million for 57 mental health specialists for regional NSW.

However, NSW Farmers was disappointed the Budget didn't include additional funding for some farming and agricultural specific initiatives that would help us reach our growth goal of becoming a \$30 billion industry by 2030.

"The good news is this has been a regionally-focused Budget which will see country communities benefit with improved infrastructure and services, however, it would have been great to see more ag sector initiatives including funding for pest netting, development support to attract and retain young farmers and immediate workforce solutions," Mr Jackson said.

### Strong budget for climate action and nature

The NSW Government has delivered a strong budget for climate action and nature, investing significantly in clean energy and koalas and extending the Saving Our Species Program for another five years.

"This is probably the best budget for climate and nature we have seen from the Coalition in NSW, and we commend Minister Matt Kean and others involved for securing much-needed funding for these areas," **Nature Conservation Council Chief Executive Chris Gambian** said.

**Climate and energy** - "We have already welcomed the government's significant commitment to renewable energy, with the injection of \$380 million in energy infrastructure, and its new policy to accelerate the uptake of electric vehicles with a \$500 million package announced on the weekend.

"The government has also wisely allocated \$300 million to help ensure the sustainable future of coal mining communities, noting that these communities need support as the global economy moves away from carbon-based energy options."

**Koalas** - "The extra \$193 million for koala conservation is also very welcome, even though it is unclear how the government will spend the money.

"While funding may help stem the decline in koala numbers, it is only part of the solution. It must be part of a comprehensive strategy that includes strong legal protections for koala habitat."

### NSW Government Budget comes out of the pockets of working families

**NSW Labor Leader Chris Minns** has said that the NSW Government's 2021 budget is built on high and growing tolls, fees, fines, and taxes that all come out of the pockets of working families.

Mr Minns said: "Fines are up, tolls are up, taxes are up, and housing affordability is down - there's barely anything in this budget to ease the cost of living for working families.

"This is a budget that picks the pockets of families across NSW and offers little in return."

Over the next four years the NSW Government will pocket:

- \$677 million in tolls - with toll revenue going up at over 8% a year
- \$3.5 billion in fines - including a 35% jump from last year to this year
- \$4.5 billion increase in stamp duty from last year to next year.

Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey said: "Every additional dollar the Treasurer has raked in from stamp duty comes out of the pockets of a working family. The Treasurer is using an epic property boom to make up for ten years of bad budget choices.

"Working families can't afford to pay their own bills, let alone pay this Government's bills as well."

The Treasurer has also confirmed that the Government will privatise its remaining share of Westconnex which risks creating a privately-owned toll road monopoly that will cost working families even more in tolls.

Mr Mookhey said NSW's economic performance has fallen, from 1st in the country to 7th - behind all other states and territories except the Northern Territory.

The Government failed to outline a plan to support domestic manufacturing, TAFE and skills even though last week research from the the McKell Institute revealed that sending transport projects to be built overseas has already cost the NSW more than 4,192 jobs.

**Threatened species** - "There's money to keep the Saving Our Species (SOS) program going - that's also very welcome because there are some great projects funded through that scheme.

"Funding is down \$25 million, which is disappointing, but it is a relief that the government has committed to extending the scheme with another \$75 million over five years."

**National parks** - "There is money for acquiring new national parks, which is very good, and over the past six months there have been announcements about acquisitions in the far west of the state.

"It would be good to see some more acquisitions on the coast, particularly the Great Koala National Park."

**Natural Resources Commission** - "The 25% funding cut to the Natural Resources Commission's operating budget is baffling given the critical importance of an independent assessment of the government's natural resource management programs.

"Over the past few years, the NRC has highlighted significant shortcomings in the design and delivery of the government's land-clearing laws and water-sharing plans.

"Cutting resources to this body by a quarter will considerably constrain its ability to provide quality assessment and analysis to ensure programs are delivering on their stated objectives."

## Further \$268.2 Million responding to NSW Bushfire Inquiry Recommendations

Firefighting drones, aerial firefighting, enhanced strategic fire trails and improvements to local emergency infrastructure and equipment will be funded by an additional \$268.2 million over four years as part of the NSW Government's response to the independent NSW Bushfire Inquiry.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet and Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott were joined by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM, Commissioner of Resilience NSW Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM, and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Acting Commissioner Jim Hamilton to announce the funding package.

This takes the total amount committed by the Government in response to the Bushfire Inquiry, in partnership with the Commonwealth, to more than \$460 million.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the funding will help rollout critical projects that will assist firefighters to protect communities right across the State. "This commitment will bolster the future of our fire agencies and preparedness of communities, many of whom have personally witnessed the devastating effects of fire," Mr Perrottet said.

"Highlights of the package include further funding for new and refurbished fire trucks, operationalising two black hawk helicopters to replace existing NSW RFS helicopters and implementing the new National Fire Danger Ratings System." Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said the NSW Government will continue to act on the learnings of our 'Black Summer' of bushfires.

"This second tranche of funding builds on our initial \$192.2 million commitment which has already made a difference to our state's preparedness for future disasters, and brings our total response to almost half a billion dollars," Mr Elliott said.

"Whether it's the continued funding for fleet upgrades, protective clothing, maintenance of our roads and strategic fire trails or indeed funding for drones and bushfire research, this second package puts our frontline firefighters and the safety of our communities first." RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers said fire agencies at all levels were working hard towards implementing the recommendations from the Inquiry.

"This commitment will assist by increasing mitigation crews on the ground, getting aviation assets in the sky, and most importantly providing safer trucks for our firefighters." Fire and Rescue NSW Acting Commissioner Jim Hamilton said the additional funding would go a long way in ensuring emergency services are more prepared for the future.

"The funding will deliver state-of-the-art equipment, systems and appliances so our firefighters can better protect the NSW community in years to come," Acting Commissioner Hamilton said. Commissioner of Resilience NSW Shane Fitzsimmons said resourcing local communities was paramount for an effective response.

"We know local communities and their efforts are the frontline of response, but also key to preparedness for the disasters that will most likely impact them," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

The \$268.2 million funding package includes:

- \$50.9 million to support firefighting tanker replacement and safety retrofits for frontline NSW RFS, FRNSW, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Corps NSW fleet;
- \$37.6 million for the continued funding of additional mitigation crews in the NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to deliver greater hazard reduction;
- \$34.4 million to accelerate the state-wide delivery of strategic fire trails;
- \$22.7 million for a personal protective clothing replacement program for FRNSW;
- \$19.9 million to upgrade the FRNSW dispatch systems;
- \$17.2 million to operationalise two black hawk helicopters to replace existing NSW RFS helicopters;
- \$10.6 million to assist with the implementation of the new National Fire Danger Rating System;
- \$6.7 million to enhance firefighter safety through fire ground tracking, training and accreditation of heavy plant machinery operators; and
- \$5.2 million for additional drones for firefighting operations.

The NSW Bushfire Inquiry was commissioned by Premier Gladys Berejiklian to examine the causes, preparation and response to the devastating 2019-20 Summer Bushfires. The NSW Government has accepted the 76 recommendations.

### **\$196-MILLION TO REFORM NSW CURRICULUM**

The NSW Government has announced almost \$200-million to supercharge a major overhaul of the NSW curriculum will be included in the 2021-22 Budget.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the \$196.6 million package over four years represented the first major rewrite of the school curriculum in thirty years.

"Education is key to giving our children the brightest futures and this government is investing in education like never before, improving schools inside and outside the classroom, helping our young people reach their potential through a world class education," Mr Perrottet said.

"Under this reform, the curriculum will be updated and streamlined by more than 200 syllabus experts to ensure it provides a strong foundation in literacy and mathematics, and clearer post-school pathways, linking learning to future employment or study."

The new NSW Curriculum will be delivered on a new interactive digital portal to support teachers deliver the curriculum in the classroom, a first for NSW. Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the new curriculum portal is a critical part of the most significant curriculum reform in a generation.

"The NSW Curriculum reform is about delivering the knowledge and skills students need to succeed, and it is all backed up by evidence," Ms Mitchell said.

"The new portal will help teachers integrate syllabus materials and deliver lessons driven by the latest research and resources, meeting the needs of our students in a way we have never been able to do before.

"The new curriculum and the portal will save time for teachers, improve clarity and make the implementation of the syllabuses even easier. The investment will allow teachers to unlock the curriculum's potential while arming them with the best resources, multiplying the positive impacts of the reform."

The new platform is under development, with the goal of going live in Term 4, 2021 with the new K-2 English and Mathematics syllabuses.

## Don's great big moving workshop garage sale



Don's Garage Sale - 14 Solus St Braidwood from 9am Friday, Saturday & Sunday 2nd - 4th July  
All second hand work tools & gear etc Cash only

- **Braidwood Farmers Market**  
July 3 & 17
- **Ryrie Park Markets**  
8am - 1pm June 26
- **Weekly Garage Sale**  
**Braidwood Uniting Church**  
Wed's 9-3 Cnr Duncan & Monkitee St
- **Nerriga Produce Market**  
1st Sunday of the Month

### Braidwood Men's Shed

Open every Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 AM  
New members always welcome  
Enquiries phone or message 0450961039 or  
braidwoodmensshed@gmail.com

### OLD CHAINSAWS WANTED

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### EOFY Donations to Braidwood and District Education Foundation

The end of the financial year is fast approaching. If you've been thinking about donating to the BDEF, now is the time to do it, ahead of 30 June. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

#### Donating to the BDEF is easy

You can donate by:

- Direct Deposit into bank account: Braidwood & District Education Foundation BSB: 633 000 (Bendigo Bank)  
Account: 121923841 Please quote full name as reference.
- Cheque made out to: Braidwood and District Education Foundation. Mail cheque to: BDEF, PO Box 324 Braidwood NSW 2622, OR Deliver to: Braidwood Community Bank.

**To receive a receipt and to confirm your payment:**

- Email our Treasurer: cefbraidwooddistrict@gmail.com

### This World Jazz Supergroup - 26 June

After sell-out concerts in northern NSW and Sydney, Australia's Jazz Super Group are coming to Braidwood to perform on Saturday 26 June. They performed in Sydney in February 2020 for free as a gift to our financially ravaged community.

Comprising four of Australia's best jazz musicians, this celebratory band has made waves last year with their debut album 'This World' featuring Hamish Stuart and Julian Wilson.

**THIS WORLD Jazz concert, scheduled SATURDAY 26 June, 3pm at Braidwood Uniting Church has been CANCELLED due to COVID restrictions in metropolitan Sydney. Tickets will be refunded. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets - SOLD OUT a week ago! Will let you know if/when a rescheduled performance is coming.**

After the challenges of 2020 just behind us, the group brought beauty and hope to the world with their album 'This World'. Now, Masia and the group return with material for a brand new album 'This World'. Masia is articulating the struggle, strength and hope of humanity, the music for this concert series imagines the prosaic and profound in a post-pandemic world. Having established deep musical bonds over several decades, the shared history and personal connection between these musicians can be felt in every note. Tickets available here: <https://events.humanitix.com/this-world-2021>  
26 June 3pm, Braidwood Uniting Church, 64 Monkitee St.

### Donna's Training is coming to Braidwood

When - Saturday 26th June 2021 Braidwood Services Club Offering -

HLTAID009 Provide Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

HLTAID0011 Provide First Aid

HLTAID012 Provide an emergency first aid in an education & care setting. Offering an enhanced online component with short face to face assessment.

Donna's Training - Quality mobile first aid coming to you

For further information contact me on 0410 303 675

<https://donnaprice.trainingdesk.com.au/enrol>

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## BRAG NEWS

Next life drawing session on Saturday 26 June, 4pm for 4.30pm start. Only \$10 per person.

Whether you're a beginner at drawing the human form or an experienced artist, come along for two hours of drawing. Bring your own materials and equipment. Secure your spot by calling or texting Bek on 0410 506 451.

## TWISTED: TEXTILE EXHIBITION

Exhibition opens: Friday 25 June, 6pm

Exhibition continues: every weekend until 11 July, 10am-3pm

## Christmas in July Market Qbyn

SUNDAY, 11 JULY 2021 FROM 10am -3pm

Free · Queanbeyan Showground

Christmas is a special time of year when friends and family come together, give thanks and celebrate. So why not do it twice a year? Enjoy the unique market stalls, belly-filling foods and a whole lot of community love. Highlights include: Over 100 vendors offering highlights of the region's crafts, food and seasonal delights. Caroloke Competition - sing your favourite carol to win! Santa photos, Fashion Competition, Christmas Wrapping Competition, A chance to support local charities and community groups For more information and to enter the Caroloke competition head to

<https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/2021-Christmas-in-July>

**Prevent your plates being stolen and grab a FREE ice scraper!**

**Friday 25 June 9-11am  
Bungendore IGA Carpark**

Have your number plate screws changed to Anti Theft Screws for FREE.

Your vehicle can be fitted with anti-theft screws while you shop by QPRC and Monaro LAC. The program is designed to save you the cost of replacing your plates, upwards of \$50 depending on plate design, as well as reducing offenses in our community that can be aided by stolen plates.

Council will also be handing out free ice scrapers for motorists. Protect yourself, your vehicle and drive safe by clearing your windscreen.



## DOLITTLE MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, 25 June 2021 at 5:30pm

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 25th June (last day of term 2). BCS P&C is screening the 2020 released movie

DOLITTLE Starring Robert Downey Jr At the National Theatre Braidwood. Movie snacks and drinks will be available! Tickets are \$12 includes popcorn and a drink for kids.

Pre Purchase tickets through eventbrite. This will help track our numbers for covid restrictions.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../bcs-pc-dolittle-movie...>

## David Lawrence Stephen "Stevo"

**29 November 1970 – 21 June 2021**

Son of Sandy & Therese Stephen and stepson of Janet Stephen.

Loving brother of Peter, Bobby (dec), Barbie (dec), Matthew and Callie. Brother-in-law of Lisa. Brother-in-law and beloved friend of Nadine.

Much loved uncle of Ashleigh, Aidhan, Ayesha & Alec.

Passed away peacefully after a long illness. Special thanks to the nurses and staff at The Canberra Hospital, especially 7B and 9B, you all know who you are. An enormous thank you also to the fantastic staff of Able Communities and the care and support of Greenleaf.

*A tall, kind and gentle soul who will be missed and always in our hearts.*

The funeral for David will be held at Braidwood Uniting Church, Monkitee Street Braidwood, on **Friday 2 July**, commencing at 1:30pm.

Burial will follow at Braidwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please forward donations to the NSW Huntingtons Association <https://huntingtonsnswact.org.au/>



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## Young and Gold turn out for Boars' 40th Birthday

It was a carnival atmosphere at Hanging Rock as the Redbacks and Boars were joined by the Classic Wallabies for Round 9 of the South Coast Monaro Rugby Union on Saturday 19th June.

The junior Redbacks (U 10's) backed up after playing in Goulburn on Friday night to take on the Bay on Saturday, and participated in some coaching from the Classic Wallabies.

The Classic Wallabies are the alumni of all Wallabies that have retired from the game. Tatafu Polota-Nau, Gary Pearse and Morgan Turinui bolstered the Boars' lineup with 100+ tests worth of experience to help them out for their anniversary celebrations.

The Daddy Long Legs and the Grand Old Boars were happy to come away with a 9 all draw and no broken bones. (along with a few Oysters and port.)

In the main game, the Braidwood "Redbacks" 43 beat Batemans Bay "Boars" 21

It was a tight game until the final 12 minutes when Braidwood raced in 3 quick converted tries for a big win



The Braidwood Daddy Long Legs before the Paddy match, and below, afterwards with the Grand Old Boars.



## South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Results – Rd 9 – Saturday 19th June 2021

· Braidwood “Redbacks” 43 beat Batemans Bay “Boars” 21

A tight game until the final 12 minutes when Braidwood raced in 3 quick converted tries for a big win

· Bungendore “Mudhooks” 66 beat Bermagui Cobargo “Sharks” 0

A good effort by the Sharks against a very strong and undefeated Bungendore team

· Jindabyne “Bushpigs” 10 beat Crookwell “Dogs” 8

Strong defence by both teams in cold conditions with either team a chance of winning up till full time

· Taralga “Tigers” 50 beat Cooma “Red Devils” 5

Taralga continued there recent good form with another try feast

· Both Yass “Rams” & Hall “Bushrangers” had a BYE

## Competition table

- Bungendore “Mudhooks” 35
- Taralga “Tigers” 33
- Braidwood “Redbacks” 28
- Batemans Bay “Boars” 26
- Jindabyne “Bushpigs” 25
- Crookwell “Dogs” 22
- Yass “Rams” 15
- Hall “Bushrangers” 10
- Cooma “Red Devils” 9
- Bermagui Cobargo “Sharks” 0

## Next Saturday – Rd 10 – Saturday 26th June 2021

- Batemans Bay “Boars” v Jindabyne “Bushpigs” @ Batemans Bay
- Cooma “Red Devils” v Bermagui Cobargo “Bushpigs” @ Cooma
- Bungendore “Mudhooks” v Taralga “Tigers” @ Bungendore
- Yass “Rams” v Hall “Bushrangers” @ Yass
- Crookwell “Dogs” v Braidwood “Redbacks” @ Crookwell

Peter Ryan

President South Coast Rugby Union

## YOGA Pose of the Week

with Christina Jagusiak

### Raised Leg Pose – Padotthanasana

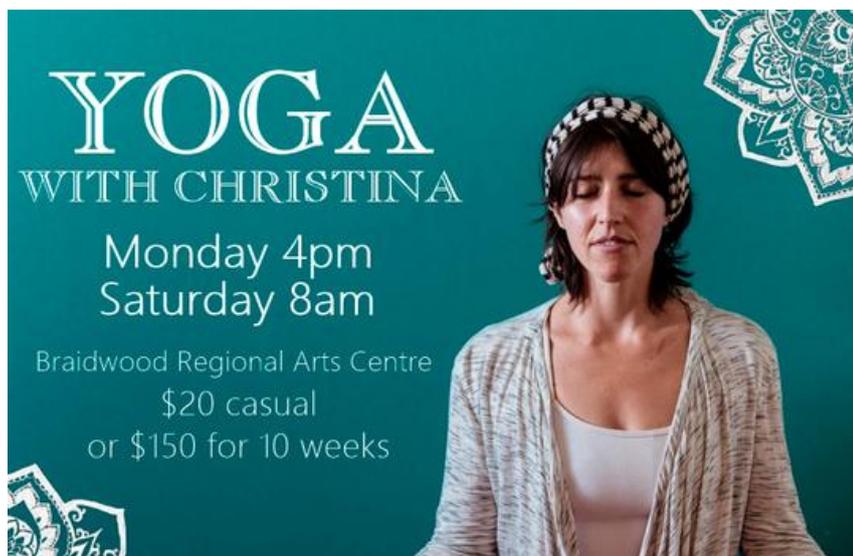
This practice is part of the digestive and abdominal group of asanas. It helps to strengthen the digestive system, lower back, pelvic and perineal muscles. Whilst working on core stability it's a helpful pose to get things moving – indigestion, acidity or excess wind.

**To practice** - Lie on your back with the arms beside you, legs extended.

Stage 1 – Engage the left leg muscles and keep the leg straight pressing into the floor. Using control, rather than momentum, raise the right leg straight as high as comfortable. Hold for a few seconds, then lower towards the floor. Practice 5-10 times and practice in the same way with the left leg.

Stage 2 – Keeping the legs together and straight practice raising them as high as comfortable. Hold for a few seconds, then lower towards the floor. Practice 5-10 times

Stage 3 – Raise the legs to progressive heights and pause at each increment briefly.



**YOGA**  
WITH CHRISTINA

Monday 4pm  
Saturday 8am

Braidwood Regional Arts Centre  
\$20 casual  
or \$150 for 10 weeks



## Braidwood Golf Club News

### From The Match Committee:

Preferred lies (maximum of 1 diagonal card length no nearer the hole) remain in place.

**An important reminder about repairing divots and pitch marks on the golf course. This is a critical requirement for all golfers - not only to fill-in/repair their own divots and pitch marks, but also any other divots and pitch marks they may see on the golf course.**

### Men's Results June 12: Single Stableford – Brendan Sly Trophy-Many Thanks Brendan

Nick Fry nett 31 c/b

Runner Up: Ted Emmett nett 31

Ball Comp: Mark Newman 29, Roger Hovey 28, Brendan Sly 26, David Jones 26, Michael Fitzgerald 25

NTP 8/17: Roger Hovey

Jackpot 3rd (\$30): Not Won

Handicap Changes: Roger Hovey out 1 to 21, David Jones out 1 to 21

### Women's Results: Single Stableford

Winner: Robin Tennant Wood nett 26

NTP 6th: Robin Tennant Wood Handicap Changes: Robin Tennant Wood out 1 to 31

### Coming Events:

- June 26 Saturday:  
Committee Meeting 10.30am note change of date  
Medley 2BBB Stableford
- July 3 Saturday: Men's & Women's Stroke (Monthly Medals)
- July 10 Saturday: Men's Single Stableford – Don Burke Trophy Women's Single Stableford – Robin Tennant Wood Trophy
- July 12 Monday: ACT VETS
- July 17 Saturday: Committee Meeting 10.30am  
Men's 2BBB Stableford - Nick Fry & Rob Martin Trophy  
Women's 2BBB Stableford - Michelle Henry Trophy
- July 24 Saturday: Medley 2BBB Stableford – Daargun Aboriginal Corporation Trophy

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Save the date  
for  
*Ingrid Mae*  
Saturday  
September 11  
8.30pm  
At the Braidwood Servicemens Club



THE SERVICEMENS CLUB  
**MONTHLY TRIVIA NIGHT**  
CASH PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM  
WEDNESDAY 7TH OF JULY  
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
ARRIVE AT 6.30 TO BEGIN PLAYING AT 7PM!  
7 - 9PM  
COME AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL